

9 FAM Appendix C, BELARUS

(TL:VISA-500; 11-27-2002)
(Office of Origin CA/I/O/L/R)

RECIPROCITY

(TL:VISA-445; 08-02-2002)

Visa	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [A]
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS [B]
A-3 [1]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
B-1	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
B-2	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
B-1/B-2	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B]
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
E-2 [2]	NO TREATY	N/A	N/A
F-1	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
F-2	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	ONE	3 MONTHS
H-1B	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-3	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
H-4	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
I	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
J-2 [4]	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
L-1	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
L-2	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
M-1	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
M-2	\$100.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [B] [C]
N-8	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
N-9	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS

NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
O-2	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
O-3	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-1	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-2	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-3	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
P-4	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS [3]
R-1	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
R-2	\$300.00	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
T-1 [9]	N/A	N/A	N/A
T-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-3	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
T-4	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

[A] Diplomatic couriers may be issued A-1 visas valid for multiple applications for entry within 12 months, or one entry for three months, depending on the request of the host government. A-1 TDY visas are valid for three months and one entry.

[B] Tiered Fee Schedule: Multiple entries, 12 months at \$100.00, or one entry, six months for no fee.

[C] Children under the age of 16 are exempt from the visa reciprocity fee. However, they are subject to the application processing (MRV) fee.

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

Nonofficial Travel

(TL:VISA-260; 04-18-2001)

None, unless the applicant meets the criteria below.

Official Travel

(TL:VISA-260; 04-18-2001)

All posts are required to submit SAO requests on all visa applications made by officials of the Government of Belarus at the Deputy Minister level or equivalent, or above for all types of travel. SAOs should be submitted in the Visas Bear or Donkey format, as appropriate, with cable slugged for CA/VO/L/C and EIR/WST. Please include Amembassy Minsk as an info addressee. The Department's response is required prior to visa issuance.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

General

(TL:VISA-260; 04-18-2001)

Civil documents, except as noted below, are available in Belarus. Certified copies as well as originals of available documents may be exported. The person to whom the record pertains obtains a certified copy at a local notary office, then, has the document apostilled either at the Ministry of Justice (judicial records), the Ministry of Education (educational records), the Archive Committee (all archive records) or the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (all other records). Alternatively, the notary's seal and signature may be authenticated at the Ministry of Justice, and then that seal may be authenticated at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The seal and signature of the MFA may then be authenticated at the U.S. Embassy in Minsk, if that is desired.

In the U.S., Belarusian documents can be requested through the Belarusian Embassy in Washington, DC, which is located at 1619 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.

Some civil records were destroyed during World War II and may not be available. Local authorities generally will issue a certificate to that effect. A replacement statement of identity is also available from local authorities when a birth certificate is unavailable.

The Embassy in Minsk cannot assist in obtaining civil documents or verifying the accuracy of civil records in Belarus.

Police and Prison Records

(TL:VISA-374; 03-21-2002)

Available for the period an applicant resided in Belarus. Applications should be made in person to the respective regional office of the Center for Information and Analysis of the Ministry of Interior. If an applicant lives outside Belarus, an application should be filed with the respective Belarusian diplomatic mission abroad. The waiting period on applications made in the country is two weeks. For applications made abroad, there are no standard time limits.

Military Records

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Unavailable. Military records are kept by the military authorities. All documents connected with service in the Armed Forces must be surrendered at the time a passport for foreign travel is issued.

Birth, Marriage, Divorce, and Death Certificates

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

Available. Original certificates can be exported out of the country. However, Belarusian authorities recommend against exporting original documents, and suggest Belarusian emigrants obtain copies (Belarusian Form-DIZ) certified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Copies can be obtained upon application to the Bureau of Acts of Civil Status (ZAGS).

Belarus Internal Residence Documents

(TL:VISA-134; 02-16-1996)

Citizens of Belarus use old Soviet residence documents. They are: (1) Soviet internal passport; (2) Foreigner's Residence Permit (Vid na Zhitel'stvo Dlya Inostrantsa); (3) Residence Permit for Stateless Persons (Vid Na Zhitel'stvo Dlya Lits Bez Grazhdanstva); and (4) Temporary Certification in Lieu of Passport (Spravka).

Belarus Travel Documents

(TL:VISA-260; 04-18-2001)

Available. On January 1, 1997, the Government of Belarus introduced a new foreign travel regular passport for citizens of Belarus. The passport is dark blue with the words "Republic of Belarus" in English, Belarusian and Russian in gold lettering on the outside front cover. The seal of Belarus also appears on the front cover.

The passport's number is perforated on the first 16 pages of the 32-page passport. The inside back page contains biographical data covered by a plastic laminate and the page appears to be machine-readable. The pages are beige, and, if held to the light, reflect the Cyrillic letters P and B for the Republic of Belarus, which are visible in a block pattern running horizontally and vertically.

Current maroon regular passports, which have the symbol of the "CCCP" (USSR) on the front cover, will continue to be valid until January 1, 2002.

VISA ISSUING POSTS

(TL:VISA-500; 11-27-2002)

Minsk (E) NIV only, except K
Address: PSC 78, Box B
APO AE 09723

All immigrant and K visas for citizens of Belarus are processed by the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland.

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

(TL:VISA-91; 08-01-1994)

All of Belarus.